

Wilson (SC)	Yarmuth	Young (IA)
Wittman	Yoder	Young (IN)
Womack	Yoho	Zeldin
Woodall	Young (AK)	Zinke

## NOT VOTING—22

Amodi	Davis, Danny	Peterson
Ashford	Deutch	Rooney (FL)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Gutiérrez	Rush
Brat	Higgins	Sanchez, Loretta
Brown (FL)	Hinojosa	Schakowsky
Bucshon	Lofgren	Westerman
Clarke (NY)	Maloney,	
Culberson	Carolyn	
	Miller (FL)	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 391, I was in the chamber and my vote did not register. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote today on the motion to close portions of the conference report on H.R. 1735 and the Senate amendment to H.R. 91 because I was attending the funeral of a dear friend in Chicago. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for the following votes on July 7, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 390 and 391.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to being unavoidably detained, I missed the following rollcall votes: No. 390 and No. 391 on July 7, 2015.

If present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 390—Authorizing conferees to close meetings for H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, "aye," rollcall vote No. 391—on motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 91—Veterans I.D. Card Act of 2015, "aye."

# REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5, STUDENT SUCCESS ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2647, RESILIENT FEDERAL FORESTS ACT OF 2015

Mr. NEWHOUSE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-192) on the resolution (H. Res. 347) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to expedite under the

National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resiliency to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROUZER). Pursuant to House Resolution 333 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2822.

Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER) kindly take the chair.

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## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, with Mr. EMMER of Minnesota (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 6, printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), had been postponed, and the bill had been read through page 132, line 24.

## AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. GALLEG0

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

At the end of the bill, before the short title, insert the following:

SEC. 441. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to issue a grazing permit or lease in contravention of section 4110.1 or 4130.1-1(b) of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 333, the gentleman from Arizona and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer an amendment that will reaffirm Congress' support for the enforcement of grazing fees on public lands.

Grazing on public lands is a privilege, not a right, and it is critical that individual ranchers who use these lands abide by the law and pay their fair share.

My commonsense amendment simply confirms that grazing permits or leases

should not be issued to anyone who does not comply with BLM regulations. My amendment does not penalize people for forgetting to repair a fence or for forgetting to make a payment once or twice.

Rather, this amendment ensures that egregious violations of grazing regulations are not going to be allowed to happen under the taxpayers' watch, as there are American taxpayers who work every day to ensure that all of their regulations are met.

Mr. Chairman, revenues from grazing fees go toward the management, maintenance, and improvement of public rangeland. The vast majority of ranchers understands how important these efforts are and pay their fees on time, but some ranchers are outright refusing to pay their grazing fees.

One particular rancher, who is well known to the media, has been more than \$1 million in arrears since 1993. He has ignored the executive and judicial branches of our government, expanding his herds further onto our lands without permission.

Unauthorized grazing, such as in this case, has the potential to destroy habitat for protected species and to damage public property. In addition, he has instigated volatile situations that has put the lives of local and Federal Government officials at risk.

Unbelievably, some in this body have actually applauded these dangerous actions. That is simply irresponsible. Mr. Chairman, I strongly suspect that, if anyone in my congressional district in Phoenix forcibly resisted paying the Federal Government more than \$1 million, he or she would be in handcuffs instead of on television or meeting with potential Presidential candidates.

□ 1915

Ultimately, however, this amendment is about more than one man. It is about upholding the basic principles that our laws should be applied fairly to everyone who lives in this country and uses its public lands.

Mr. Chairman, we must ensure that egregious violations of grazing regulations are not financed by the American taxpayer. To that end, I hope all Members will support this critical amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0).

The amendment was agreed to.

## AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to increase the rate of any royalty required to be paid to the United States for oil and gas produced on Federal land, or to prepare or publish a proposed rule relating to such an increase.